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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON

October 6, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Gordon Dean, Atomic Energy Commission  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Major General Richard C. Partridge, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Richard F. Stout, Department of the Navy  
Major General Joseph F. Carroll, Department of the Air Force  
Mr. Sam Boykin, Department of State  
Captain Ernest R. Feidler, Department of the Treasury

SUBJECT: PROJECT GREEN

The President, through Mr. Lay, has directed that appropriate measures be undertaken immediately with respect to the following problem:

"Assuming Russian capability for clandestinely introducing and detonating in the United States in place demolition atomic weapons, what countermeasures are required to detect and defend against such introduction."

The President has accordingly authorized this office to collaborate with the addressees of this memorandum as representatives of the departments and agencies which should be responsible for the development and execution of the necessary countermeasures, and he has asked for a report back to him through this office on the actions taken as well as on any recommended steps requiring his consideration.

It is requested that this matter be handled with special security precautions and that it be afforded preferred attention.

/s/ J. Patrick Coyne

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NSC Representative on Internal Security

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